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SUBJECT: USE OF SOVIET UNMO'S

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM USUN THAT URQUHART HAS SENT IN-
STRUCTIONS TO SIILASVUO NOTING THAT SOVIET UNMO'S ARE
PART OF SIILASVUO'S COMMAND AND THAT HE WOULD USE THEM AS
HE SEES FIT.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, BACKGROUND TO URQUHART INSTRUC-
TIONS IS COMPLAINT BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY ON
APRIL 1 THAT UN IS DOING ISRAEL'S "DIRTY WORK" IN DEALING
WITH THE PLO. URQUHART IS WORRIED THAT THIS MIGHT PRESAGE
SOVIET GUERRILLA WARFARE AGAINST UNIFIL COMPARABLE TO
BEHAVIOR AGAINST CONGO OPERATION. BY SIILASVUO'S
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ALLOWING SOVIET UNMOS TO MOVE AROUND IN SOUTHERN LEBANON
(ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY TO ACT AS LIAISON WITH PLO),
STING WILL BE DRAWN FROM SOVIET CHARGE WHEN IT INEVITABLY
BECOMES PART OF SOVIET PUBLIC POSITION. PRESUMABLY, SOVIET
UNMOS WITH FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WOULD BE IN A POSITION
ACCURATELY TO ADVISE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF TRUE NATURE OF
UNIFIL'S FUNCTION.

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3. WHILE WE DOUBT SOVIET POSITION ON UNIFIL WILL BE IN-
FLUENCED BY SOVIET UNMO REPORTING, ACTION NOW FALLS TO
SIILASVUO. WE SUGGEST THAT CONSUL GENERAL NEWLIN PRESS
SIILASVUO ON BASIS OF VIEW EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADORS LEWIS
AND PARKER IN TEL AVIV 4451 AND BEIRUT 1842 NOT RPT NOT
TO ASSIGN SOVIET UNMOS TO LIAISON ROLE WITH PLO.

4. FOR USUN: WHILE TROYANOVSKY'S COMMENTS SUGGEST THAT
EASTERN EUROPEAN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATION IN LOGISTIC
CAPACITY NOW EVEN LESS LIKELY, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO URGE
UN TO PRESS POLAND OR HUNGARY OR ANOTHER EE WHICH WOULD
BE ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL FOR SUCH PARTICIPATION. CHRISTOPHER

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